

February 2014 Postillion by Rossana Delucchi



President's Message

Bonjour tout le monde,

Here we are in freezing January and the Jassers have already had their first tournament. Sixteen players competed but Marlies Hazan earned the highest number of points to win this round. Reto Weber came in second, followed by Elsbeth Backus in third place. If you have been thinking of taking a refresher course, then don't miss Christian' Jass clinic on Sunday, February 23. Hope you can join us at the next tournament in March - it's a lot of fun if you are dealt the right cards.

The fondue dinner scheduled for Sat., Feb. 8, is close to capacity. In addition to enjoying the delicious fondue prepared by Reto and his helpers, the lucky ones who registered early and managed to snag a seat will be entertained with some live music.

At our first meeting of the year we elected Olivia Hauser as a new member of the board. She will be co-editor of the Postillion with Rossana, which means that some of the Club's messages will now be sent from her olivia.hauser@swissclubdc.org address.

Finally, don't forget to send in your membership renewal dues (see article below). It's so easy to forget to do this, but remember that it'll make your next event registration easier, for us and for you, if you have already paid your 2014 dues. And if you are not sure whether you have already sent in your payment, simply check in with Marc Borbely, our new Membership Coordinator, at marc.borbely@swissclubdc.org, and he'll happy to verify your membership status.

Stay warm, Spring is just around the corner.

Eveline Roberts

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Swiss Club Events for 2014

Fondue Night, Saturday, February 8, Swiss Embassy

Jass Clinic with the Jass Koenig, Sunday, February 23, North Potomac, MD

Kaffee Klatsch, March, 1st, Swiss Bakery

Jass, March 9, Hazan Residence, Rockville, MD.

Note: Membership forms will be available at all events above for those who have not renewed for 2014

Easter Egg Hunt, Sunday, April 13, Swiss Embassy

Swiss Farmer's Breakfast, in April

Spring Bike Ride, in May

Billy Goat Trail Hike, in June

Jass, in June

Kaffee Klatsch, in July

Swiss National Day, Saturday, August 2, Swiss Embassy

Swiss Shooting Day, Saturday, September 6, Thurmont, MD

Jass, in September

General Assembly, in October

Kaffee Klatsch, in October

Raclette, in November

Jass, in November

Grittibenz, Sunday, December 7, Swiss Bakery

Samichlaus, Sunday, December 14, Swiss Embassy

Fondue Night

Join us at our traditional and very popular Swiss Fondue Dinner!

Only a few seats left! Email Alexis Sullivan at alexis.sullivan@swissclubdc.org or call her at (703) 774-3132 for availability.

Enjoy company at the Swiss Embassya festive evening of cheese, wine, and good Dinner includes all you can eat fondue, dessert, and non-alcoholic drinks. A cash bar will be open for beer & wine. Seating is limited and sells out regularly, so make your reservation now! (we accept reservations until all the seats are full). Please bring your own caquelon, rechaud, burner and forks, as none will be provided.



Saturday, February 8th at 6pm

Embassy of Switzerland, 2900 Cathedral Avenue, Washington, DC 20008

Registration Form

x _____ \$25 for Member Adult
x _____ \$10 for Member Child (age 6 to 12)
x _____ \$35 for Member's Adult Guest
x _____ \$15 for Member's Child Guest (age 6 to 12) Total Amount Enclosed \$ _____

Who will be attending? _____
Your email address? (if available) _____
Your phone number? _____

Please make your check payable to Swiss Club of DC and send it with this registration form to Alexis Sullivan, 2717 Colt Run Rd, Oakton, VA 22124. If you have any questions, you can contact Alexis at (703) 774-3132 or alexis.sullivan@swissclubdc.org

Save the Date!

Join us for the second Jass Tournament of the year!

When: March, 9th at 1.30 PM

Where: Hazan Residence, Rockville, MD

Registration: deadline March 5th. Leave a message with name and phone number

at (301) 251-5808 for Jass tournament or email christian.haudenschild@swissclubdc.org



Members Corner

On my January trip to Switzerland, I talked to one of my neighbors who is interested in coming to America as a volunteer/part time student. Her background and her English are excellent. Here is her own letter:

I am a 19 year-old Swiss girl who would like to work or volunteer in America after my Matura in economics and law in June 2014. I am looking for a position for six or up two twelve months to get some work and more language experience. I will start my studies in International Affairs or International Law in September 2015 in English. I have already successfully completed a language course at an advanced level last summer. I am interested in economics, law, tourism and childcare. Because I grew up in a very hospitable and friendly family with hotelier experience, I know how to make customers and guests feel comfortable. I am looking forward to your response.

Sincerely, Alexandra Burkhard

(If you are interested or know someone who is, or need more information, please respond to me at christian.haudenschild@swissclubdc.org).

Jass Clinic with the Jass Koenig **Come learn how to play Jass!**

Have you always wanted to join in on the Jass Tournament, but didn't know how to play? Did you always want to learn this game that is so uniquely Swiss? Or did you just want to refresh your skills and learn a few new tricks?

Now is the time! The Jass Koenig of 2013, Christian Haudenschild, will be hosting a Jass Clinic with other expert players to teach you the rules and the strategy of Jass. Come join in for an afternoon of learning and laughing as you build your skills!

Jass Rules & Scoring can be found on [our website](#).



Sunday, February 23rd at 1:30pm

Haudenschild Residence, 14036 Natia Manor Drive, North Potomac, MD 20878

Registration: Leave a phone message with your name and phone number for Jass Clinic at (301) 251-5808 or email christian.haudenschild@swissclubdc.org

Kaffee Klatsch

Come join our Language Club Coffee Hour!

We talk, we sip coffee, and we eat pastries...

what a great way to spend a Saturday morning! We usually have 15 to 20 participants speaking French, Swiss German, and sometimes, Italian. Come and enjoy good conversation and good food!

Saturday, March 1st at 9am

The Swiss Bakery, 5224 Port Royal Road, Springfield, VA 22151

Please let Alexis Sullivan know that you are coming or just come by at the last moment, alexis.sullivan@swissclubdc.org or 703-774-3132



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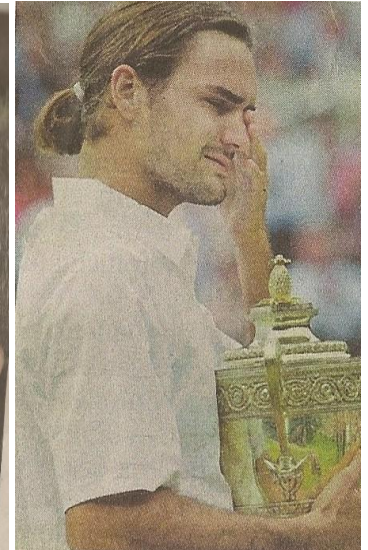
Swiss Club Quiz

Answer to the January Quiz:

The Federal Department of Foreign Affairs (FDFA). Switzerland has acted as the protecting power for the U.S. in Iran since the two countries broke off diplomatic relations over thirty years ago. Livia Leu served as Ambassador of Switzerland to Iran from January 2009 to July 2013. She and the Federal Department of Foreign Affairs have received a 2013 Common Ground Award for their diplomatic efforts in carrying out Switzerland's mandate. The protecting power mandate for the U.S. is part of the good offices Switzerland provides to the international community within the scope of its humanitarian tradition. Switzerland currently carries out six protecting power mandates. This is part of the very hard work performed by the people at Swiss Embassies, especially also the the one here in Washington DC. Thank you all!

February Quiz:

Swiss Stan the (tennis) man Wawrinka won his first grand slam, the Australian Open in Melbourne on January 26, 2014. At his home village Saint-Barthélemy (VD) excited fans pasted over the village name with "Stan-Barthélemy". It almost came to a final match with the best known Swiss tennis star, Roger Federer, who has won 17 grand slams so far, more than any other player ever (there are 4 every year: Australian, French, American Open, and Wimbledon).



Question: Roger Federer (in the picture right) winning his first grand slam when and where? And what trophy did Roger and Stan win together?